

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse located in Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-second day of August 2006, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Henry M. Blessing, Jason R. Ramsey, Karen H. Hodock, John C. Thompson

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator,
Frank Slavin, County Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: Marty Holloway – VDOT; several citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Henry Blessing called the August 2006 regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Vice-Chairman Jason Ramsey.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Mr. Blessing led the pledge alliance to the flag.

AUGUST 22, 2006 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

*****IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to approve the August 22, 2006 meeting agenda with no changes.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the August 2006 bills in the amount of \$370,555.06; the August 1, 2006 and August 16, 2006 payrolls totaling \$146,234.03; minutes of June 27, 2006 and July 25, 2006, reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, E-911 Program Manager, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Brenda Walters, Acting Resident Administrator, announced Marty Holloway, as the newly hired VDOT Resident Administrator for Bland and Tazewell counties. Mr. Holloway advised: 1) of the completion of the Rt. 644 bridge but noted would not have school bus access; 2) ATV poker run projects are no longer permitted upon VDOT property; 3) Hollybrook area sign to be cleaned; and 4) Rt. 612 and Rt. 619 would be expedited under federal funding.

SOCIAL SERVICES JUNE 2006 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the June 2006, Social Services report in the amount of \$42,372.12 with the local allotment of \$10,031.66, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER 2006 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the September 2006 school board's request in the amount of \$650,000.00 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed

*****MOTION to approve the filing of the meeting minutes of June 24th, check registers of June 28th, Vendor Payments of July 18th, July 24th and July 11th, was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

ROCKY GAP COMMUNITY PARK WALKING PATH PAVING AWARD

The County Administrator advised that the paving of the Rocky Gap Community Park walking path was awarded to Hunter Paving in the amount of \$12,925.00. A request for appropriation to the 06-07 budget would be at a later date.

APPOINTMENTS

Mt. Rogers Disability Svcs. Board

*****MOTION to reappoint Carol J. Hall to the Mt. Rogers Disability Svcs. Board, a four year term to expire August 31, 2006, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

The vote on this motion is as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes. The motion passed.

Mt. Rogers Alcohol Safety Action Program

*****MOTION to reappoint Fred Pennington, to the Mt. Rogers Alcohol Safety Action Program, a four year term to expire 03-31-2010, was made by Jason Ramsey, and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Recommendation

*****MOTION to recommend the reappointment of John Dodson to the Zoning Board of Appeals, a five year term to expire 09-11-2011, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

06-07 ADDITIONAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION- IT DEPARTMENT

*****MOTION to approve an additional appropriation to the 06-07 budget in the amount of \$5,300.00, to the IT department for the Broadband Deployment Project, with ABB funding the \$5,300.00, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

06-07 ADDITIONAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION

*****MOTION to approve an additional appropriation to the 06-07 budget, Bland Water Project, Fund #340, in the amount of \$145,545.00, for the purpose of construction and design of the Bland Water expansion under Interstate 77, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock. \$25,000 to be transferred from the Service Authority, (sewer liquidated damages), \$20,000 from closure of the Service Authority account, and \$100,545.00 from county funds.

BLAND COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Bland County Medical Clinic, regarding the \$700,000.00 Community Block Grant and authorize the chairman to sign was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

AGREEMENT WITH MRPDC AND BLAND COUNTY APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Agreement with MRPDC, on the administration of the CDBG funding grant for Bland County and fees involved, and authorize the county administrator to sign on behalf of the county was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

BLAND MEDICAL CLINIC NOTE AND DEED OF TRUST ACCEPTED

IT WAS THE CONSENSUS of the Board to accept the Bland Medical Clinic's Note and Deed of Trust and approve for filing.

MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

Tabled.

BLAND COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION REQUEST APPROVED

*****MOTION allowing the Bland Fair Association to erect a 6 x 10 addition to the Exhibit Building, consisting of three sides, to include two single- stall sections and waive the building permit was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock. Materials and labor will be donated resulting in no cost to the county.

Mrs. Elaine Dillow advised that the Virginia State Association of Trappers are supplying \$500.00 towards the cost of the addition. The county administrator noted that the county pays an electric bill, a water bill and maintains the cutting of the grass at the fair grounds.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE CHANGED

*****MOTION to change the county's mileage reimbursement rate from \$.325 per mile to \$.445 per mile, as established by the Internal Revenue Service, for expenses from this date forward was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, no; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

SURPLUS LIST DELARED

*****MOTION to approve the surplus equipment list as presented and dispose of as per county policy was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

PRESCRIPTION CARD UPDATE

The County Administrator updated the board in regard to the activities and savings for citizens utilizing the NACo prescription card since start up in July 2006.

ENGLAND C.U.P. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mr. Blessing opened the public hearing announcing the purpose of the hearing was to receive comment on the application of Rose England to operate a public garage upon property located upon 366 Arrowhead Drive, Bastian, VA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

ENGLAND PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

The public hearing was closed by Mr. Blessing.

ENGLAND C.U.P. APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Conditional Use Permit application of Rose England to operate a public garage upon 366 Arrowhead Drive in the Bastian area, Tax Parcel # 49-A-10, 11, with the condition that construction of the proposed building will begin within 12 months and be completed within 18 months from the notice of approval by the Board of Supervisors, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. Motion passed.

QUINCY NEWSPAPER C.U.P PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Mr. Blessing opened the Quincy Newspaper public hearing announcing that the public hearing was being held to receive comment on the application of (WVVA) to locate a radio/tv communications tower upon their property located on Rt. 598, East River Mtn.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

QUINCY NEWSPAPER PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mr. Blessing closed the public hearing.

QUINCY NEWSPAPER C.U.P APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Conditional Use Permit application of Quincy Newspaper (WVVA) to locate a radio/tv communications tower upon property located on Rt. 598 at the top of East River Mountain, Rocky Gap, VA., Tax Map # 11-A-1, with no conditions was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

BLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOS JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Blessing relinquishes his chair position to Vice-Chair Jason Ramsey so that he could attend as a member to the Planning Commission.

BLAND COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Vice-Chair Jason Ramsey opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the adoption of County's Comprehensive Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

The County Administrator briefly outlined the proposed Comprehensive Plan, noting the document includes the plans and goals for the county and is required to be rewritten every five years.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTED

Supervisors expressed their gratitude to the members of the planning commission on their time and efforts spent in the developing of the comprehensive plan. *****MOTION to approve the Comprehensive Plan as presented was made by John Thompson and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, absent. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT This meeting was continued until 5:30 p.m., August 28, 2006.

Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator